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# Labour Force, Australia

Headline estimates of employment, unemployment, underemployment, participation and hours worked from the monthly Labour Force Survey

Reference period March 2024

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## Key statistics

In trend terms, in March 2024:

- unemployment rate remained at 3.9%.
- participation rate decreased to 66.6%.
- employment increased to 14,259,800.
- employment to population ratio decreased to 64.0%.
- underemployment rate remained at 6.6%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,929 million.

In seasonally adjusted terms, in March 2024:

- unemployment rate increased to 3.8%.
- participation rate decreased to 66.6%.
- employment decreased to 14,259,900.

- employment to population ratio decreased to 64.0%.
- underemployment rate decreased to 6.5%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,956 million.
- full-time employment increased by 27,900 to 9,853,800 people.
- part-time employment decreased by 34,500 to 4,406,100 people.

## Key statistics - Trend

|                                  | Feb-24        | Mar-24        | Monthly change | Monthly change (%) | Yearly change | Yearly change (%) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Employed people                  | 14,231,300    | 14,259,800    | 28,500         | 0.2%               | 365,800       | 2.6%              |
| Unemployed people                | 575,100       | 573,000       | -2,100         | -0.4%              | 60,600        | 11.8%             |
| Unemployment rate                | 3.9%          | 3.9%          | 0.0 pts        | na                 | 0.3 pts       | na                |
| Underemployment rate             | 6.6%          | 6.6%          | 0.0 pts        | na                 | 0.4 pts       | na                |
| Participation rate               | 66.7%         | 66.6%         | 0.0 pts        | na                 | 0.1 pts       | na                |
| Monthly hours worked in all jobs | 1,928 million | 1,929 million | 1 million      | 0.0%               | 2 million     | 0.1%              |

## Key statistics - Seasonally adjusted

|                                  | Feb-24        | Mar-24        | Monthly change | Monthly change (%) | Yearly change | Yearly change (%) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Employed people                  | 14,266,500    | 14,259,900    | -6,600         | 0.0%               | 336,900       | 2.4%              |
| Unemployed people                | 549,300       | 569,900       | 20,600         | 3.7%               | 57,300        | 11.2%             |
| Unemployment rate                | 3.7%          | 3.8%          | 0.1 pts        | na                 | 0.3 pts       | na                |
| Underemployment rate             | 6.6%          | 6.5%          | -0.1 pts       | na                 | 0.2 pts       | na                |
| Participation rate               | 66.7%         | 66.6%         | -0.1 pts       | na                 | -0.1 pts      | na                |
| Monthly hours worked in all jobs | 1,939 million | 1,956 million | 17 million     | 0.9%               | 34 million    | 1.7%              |

Estimates of changes throughout this release are calculated using un-rounded level estimates and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded level estimates.

For definitions of labour statistics used in this publication, please refer to [Glossary of Labour Force, Australia methodology \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/mar-2024#glossary\)](#).

## Survey impacts and changes

### Upcoming release of enhanced regional labour force estimates

On 2 May 2024, the ABS will commence releasing monthly modelled regional estimates, as an update to [Labour Force, Australia Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](#). These estimates, which will provide a better picture of regional employment and unemployment than the existing regional data, will be added to [Labour Force, Australia Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](#) a week after release each month. The release will be accompanied by updated advice on using regional labour statistics.

Further information on the modelled estimates can be found in [Improving SA4 level estimates from the Labour Force Survey using administrative data models \(/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/improving-sa4-level-estimates-labour-force-survey-using-administrative-data-models\)](#) and [Further refinements to modelled SA4 level Labour Force estimates using administrative data \(/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/information-papers/further-refinements-modelled-sa4-level-labour-force-estimates-using-administrative-data\)](#).

## Seasonal adjustment and trend estimates

The ABS will be undertaking an 'Annual Series Review' (ASR) of Labour Force series, ahead of the release of April 2024 data (on 16 May 2024). The ASR, which complements the regular monthly analysis, assesses the appropriateness of seasonal adjustment parameters and prior corrections. The outcome of this process will be summarised in a future release.

## New Labour Force Survey sample phase-in

Since July 2018, the Labour Force Survey sample has been selected using information collected in the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. The quality of the Labour Force sample is maintained by updating it with information from the most recent Census.

From September 2023, the sample frame has been updated with information from the 2021 Census, with sample selection from the new sample being phased in over eight months from September 2023 to April 2024.

This update is expected to have minimal impact on sample selection, and as with previous sample changes, will be monitored.

For more information please refer to [Sample Design of Labour Force, Australia Methodology \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/mar-2024#sample-design\)](#).

## Survey response and timeline

The March Labour Force Survey was run in respect of the two weeks from Sunday 3 March to Saturday 16 March, and collected over the period from Sunday 10 March to Saturday 30 March.

The ABS would like to thank Australians for their continued support in responding to our surveys, given how critically important this information is.

## Reference and Enumeration Dates

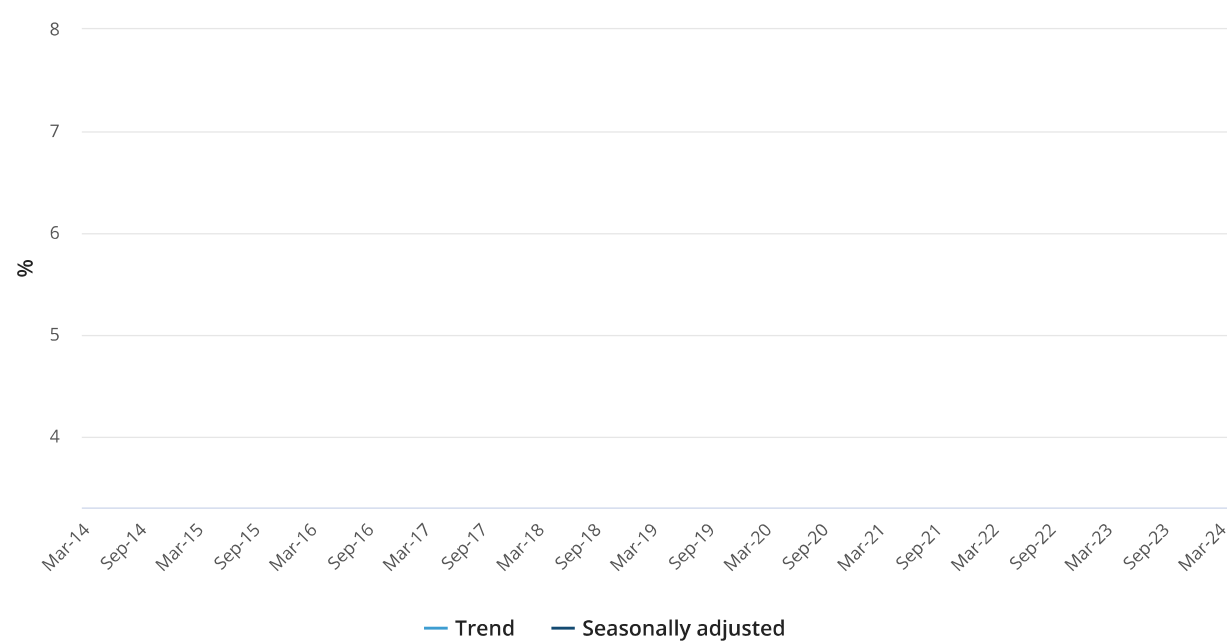
| Publication | Start of Reference Week | End of Reference Week | Start of Enumeration | End of Enumeration |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Feb-24      | 4th February 2024       | 17th February 2024    | 11th February 2024   | 2nd March 2024     |
| Mar-24      | 3rd March 2024          | 16th March 2024       | 10th March 2024      | 30th March 2024    |
| Apr-24      | 31st March 2024         | 13th April 2024       | 7th April 2024       | 27th April 2024    |
| May-24      | 28th April 2024         | 11th May 2024         | 5th May 2024         | 25th May 2024      |
| Jun-24      | 2nd June 2024           | 15th June 2024        | 9th June 2024        | 29th June 2024     |
| Jul-24      | 30th June 2024          | 13th July 2024        | 7th July 2024        | 27th July 2024     |

## Unemployment

In trend terms, in March 2024:

- unemployment rate remained at 3.9%.
- unemployed people decreased by 2,100 to 573,000.
- youth unemployment rate remained at 9.5%.

Unemployment rate



Large month-to-month changes occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in multiple trend breaks. The ABS recommends caution when using trend estimates published in spreadsheets in this release for this period. Information on trend breaks can be found in [Labour Force, Australia methodology, March 2024 \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/mar-2024\).](#)

Employment

In trend terms, in March 2024, employment increased by 28,500 people (0.2%) to 14,259,800 people.

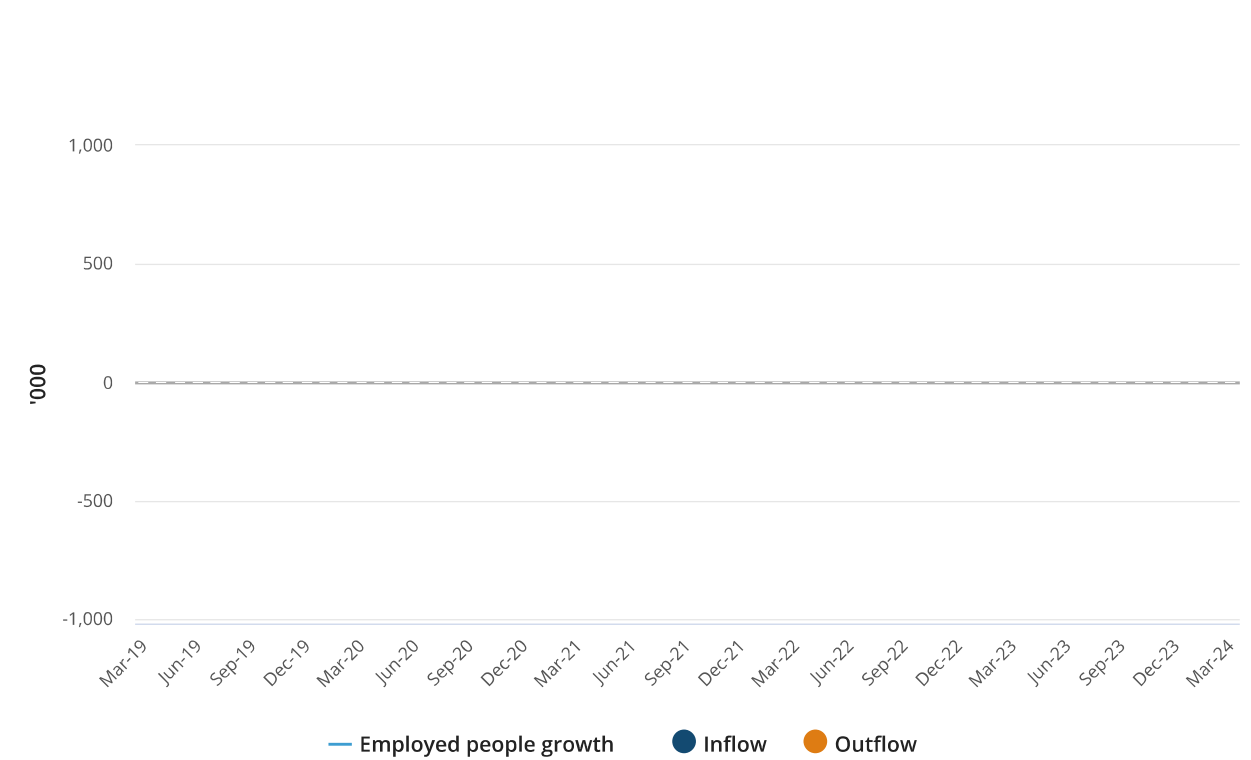
Flows into and out of employment

Flows into and out of employment are extensive and are based on the net matched sample of original employment growth between two consecutive months (around 80% of the sample). The (net) sum of the inflows and outflows does not necessarily equal the 'net' employment growth.

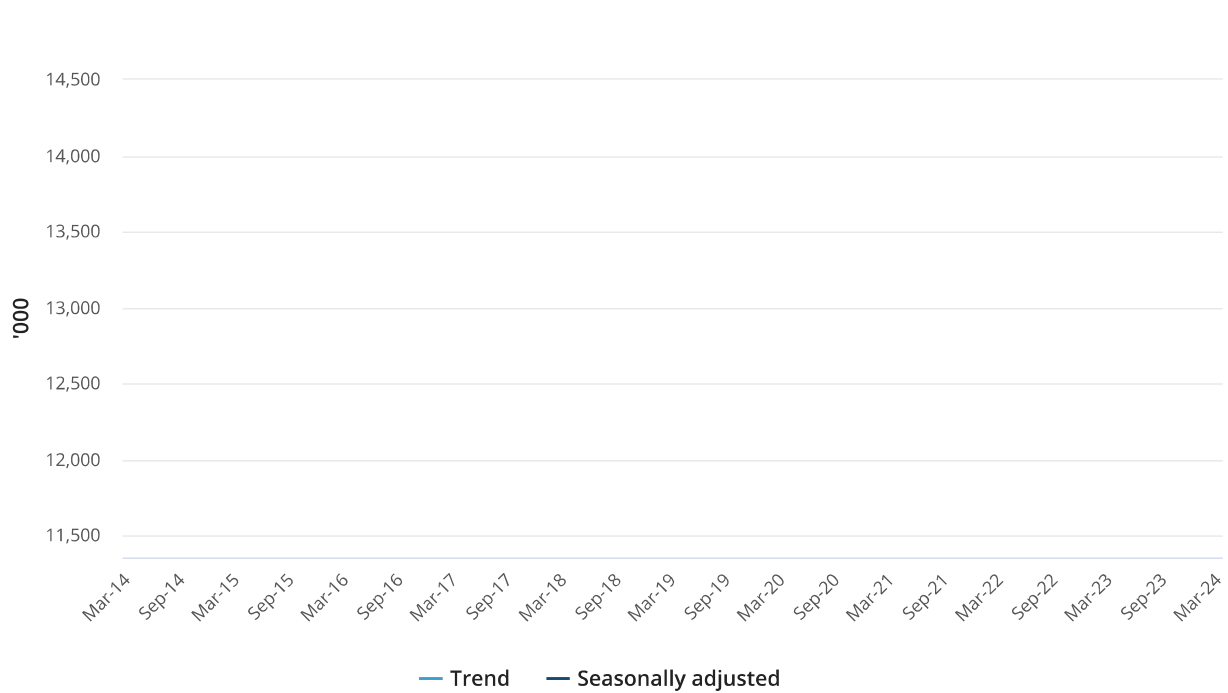
For March 2024, the net change in the number of employed people is the result of around 453,000 people entering employment (i.e. they were not employed in February 2024 but were employed in March 2024), while around 521,000 people left employment (i.e. they were employed in February 2024 but not employed in March 2024). This contrasts with February 2024, where around 880,000 people entered employment and around 428,000 people left employment.



Monthly inflows, outflows and employment growth, Original



Employed people



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## Full-time and part-time employment

In trend terms, in March 2024:

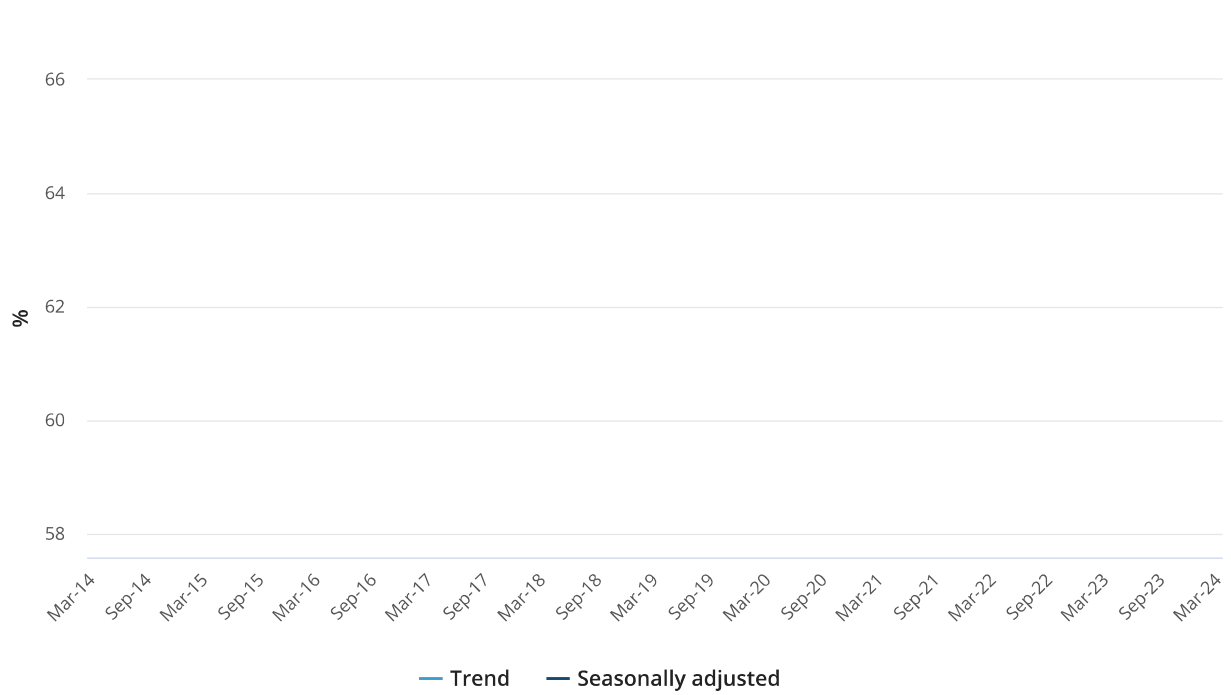
- full-time employment increased by 20,400 to 9,838,600 people, and part-time employment increased by 8,100 to 4,421,200 people.
- part-time share of employment was 31.0%.

## Employment-to-population ratio

In trend terms, in March 2024, the employment-to-population ratio decreased to 64.0%.

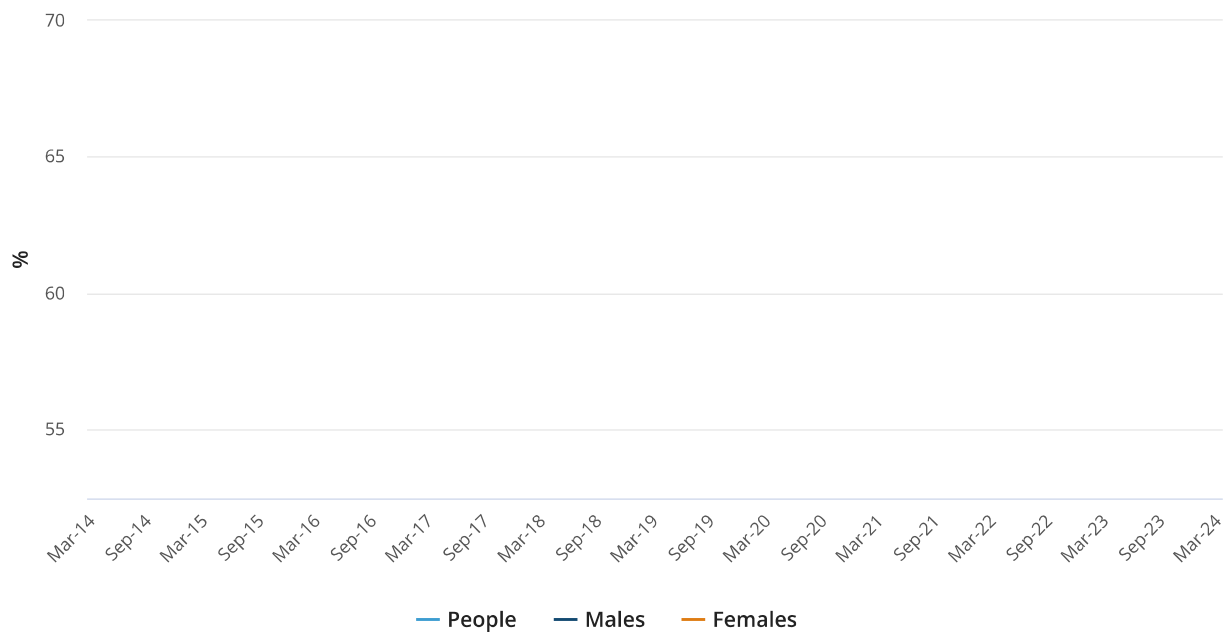
The employment-to-population ratio provides a measure of employment relative to the size of the population.

## Employment-to-population ratio



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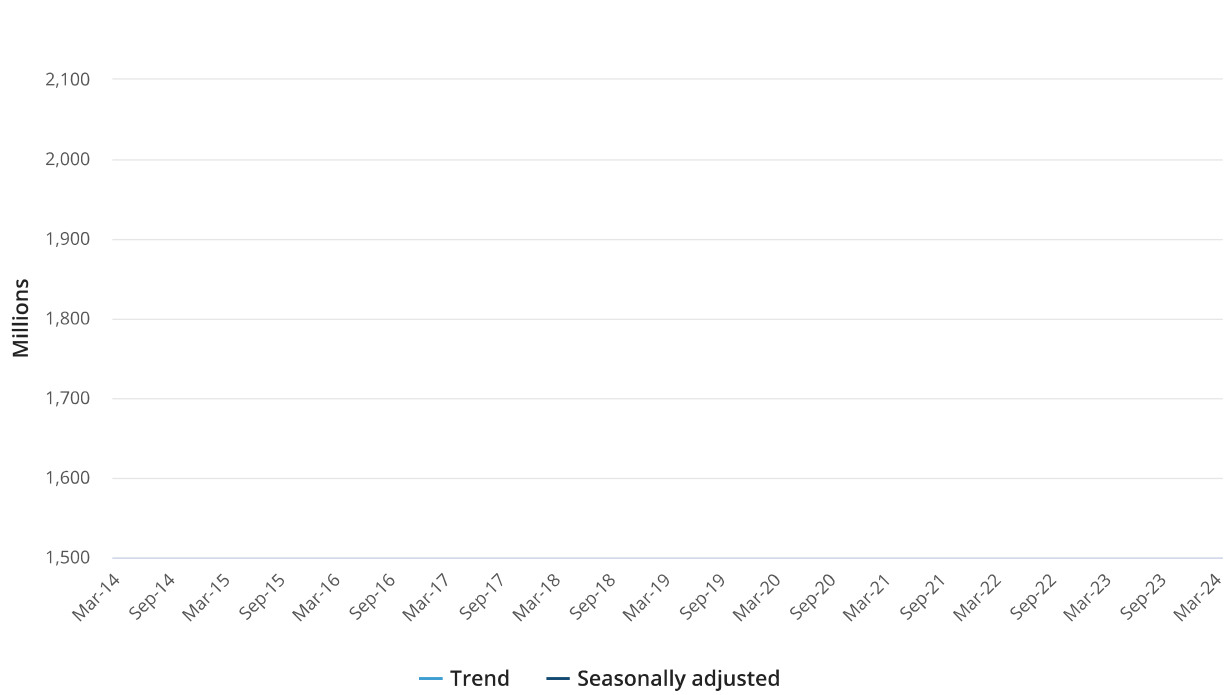
## Employment-to-population ratio, Seasonally adjusted



## Hours worked

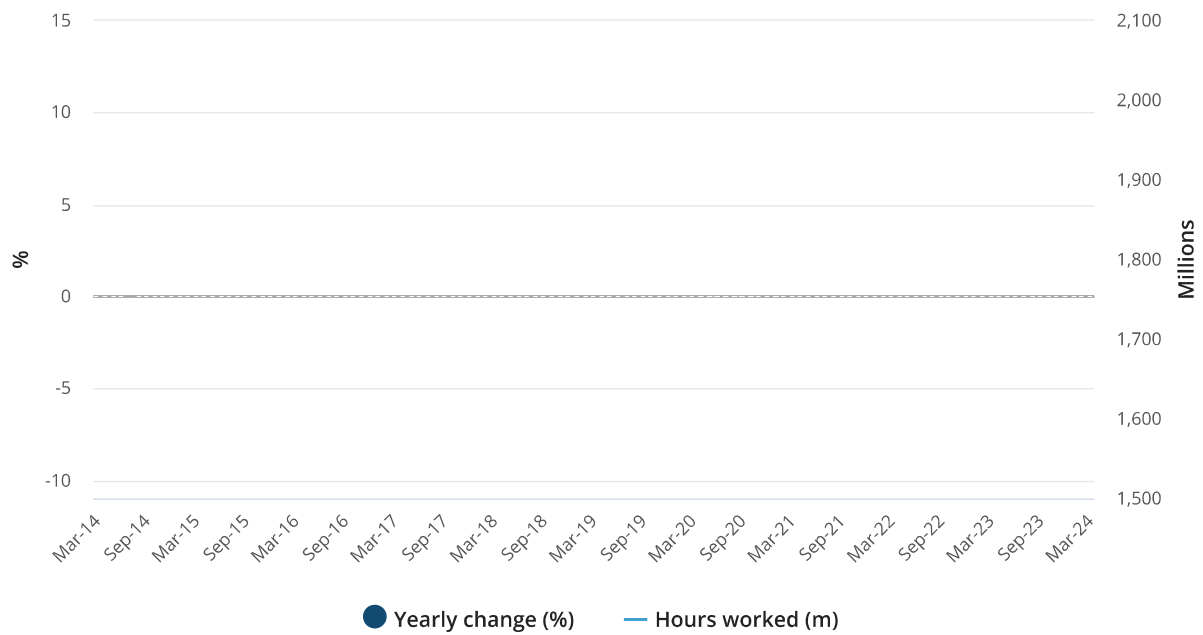
In trend terms, in March 2024, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 0.7 million hours (0.0%) to 1,929 million hours.

### Monthly hours worked in all jobs



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## Monthly hours worked in all jobs, Seasonally adjusted

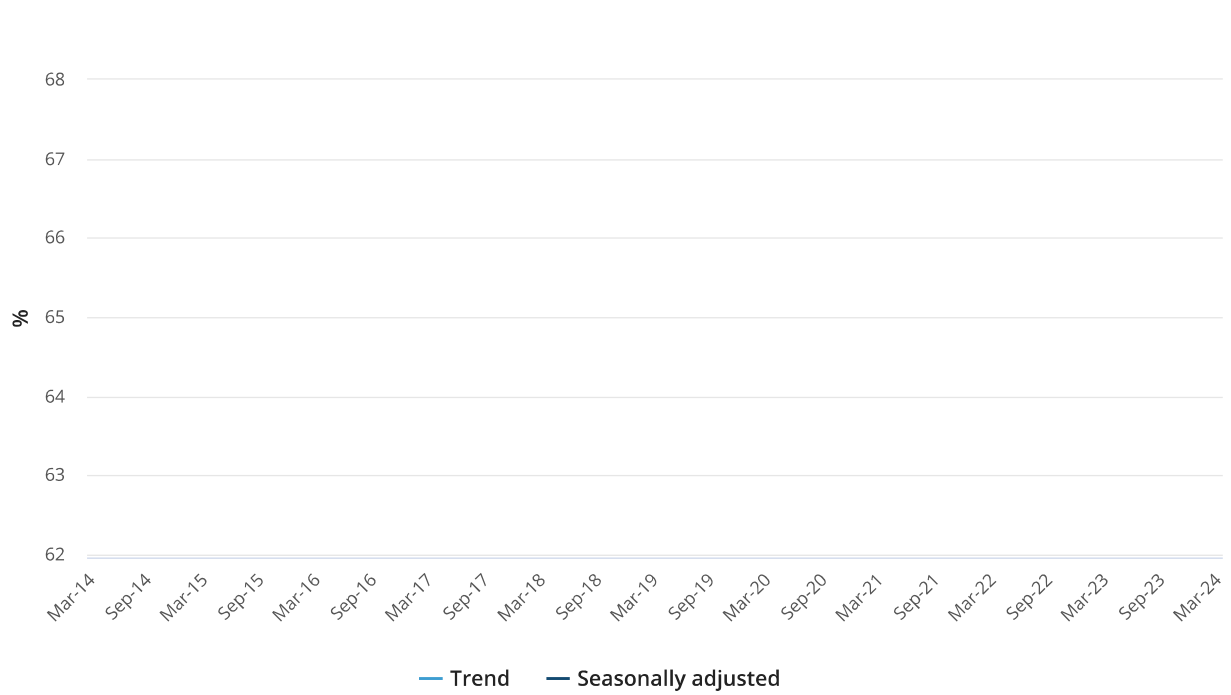


## Participation

In trend terms, in March 2024, the participation rate:

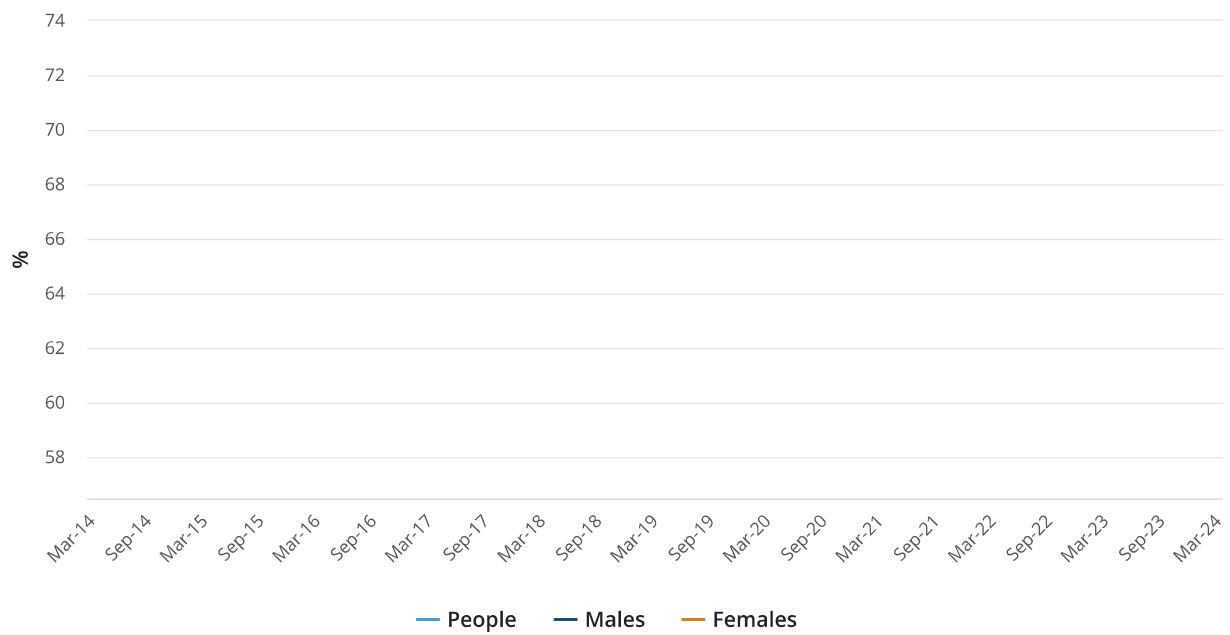
- decreased to 66.6%.
- remained at 70.6% for men and remained at 62.8% for women.

## Participation rate



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## Participation rate, Seasonally adjusted



## Underemployment

In trend terms, in March 2024:

- underemployment rate remained at 6.6%.
- underutilisation rate decreased to 10.4%.

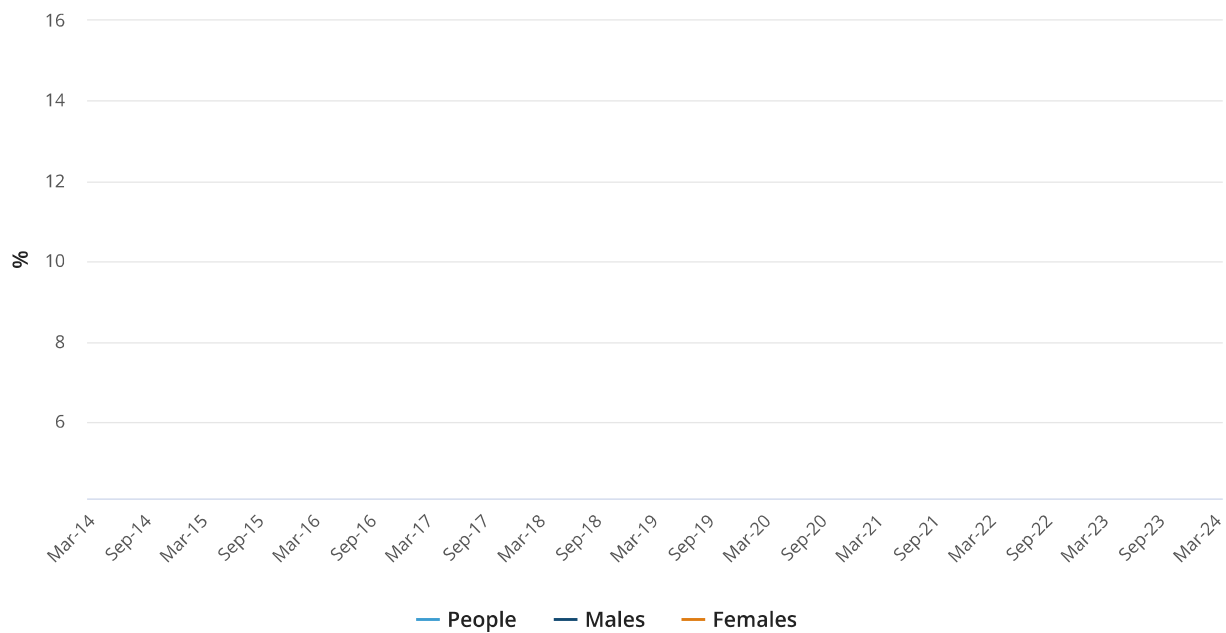
## Underemployment rate and underutilisation rate





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## Underemployment rate, Seasonally adjusted



## States and Territories

### March 2024 - Trend

|   | New South Wales | Victoria  | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | 1 |
|---|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Employed people                                 | 4,429,200       | 3,701,700 | 2,905,200  | 942,200         | 1,599,900         | 282,200  | 139,600            | 265,300                      | 1 |
| Employed people - monthly change                | 0.1%            | 0.3%      | 0.3%       | -0.1%           | 0.4%              | 0.0%     | 0.5%               | 0.1%                         |   |
| Employment to population ratio                  | 63.6%           | 64.5%     | 64.0%      | 60.5%           | 66.6%             | 58.6%    | 70.8%              | 68.9%                        |   |
| Employment to population ratio - monthly change | 0.0 pts         | 0.0 pts   | 0.0 pts    | -0.2 pts        | 0.1 pts           | 0.0 pts  | 0.3 pts            | -0.1 pts                     |   |
| Unemployment rate                               | 3.7%            | 4.0%      | 4.1%       | 3.8%            | 3.6%              | 4.0%     | 4.3%               | 3.9%                         |   |
| Unemployment rate - monthly change              | 0.0 pts         | 0.0 pts   | 0.0 pts    | 0.0 pts         | -0.1 pts          | 0.0 pts  | -0.1 pts           | 0.0 pts                      |   |
| Underemployment rate                            | 6.5%            | 7.1%      | 6.6%       | 7.1%            | 5.8%              | 7.3%     | 4.2%               | 5.4%                         |   |
| Underemployment rate - monthly change           | 0.0 pts         | 0.1 pts   | -0.1 pts   | -0.1 pts        | -0.1 pts          | 0.0 pts  | 0.1 pts            | 0.1 pts                      |   |
| Participation rate                              | 66.1%           | 67.2%     | 66.7%      | 62.9%           | 69.0%             | 61.0%    | 73.9%              | 71.7%                        |   |

|                                     | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Participation rate - monthly change | 0.0 pts         | 0.0 pts  | 0.0 pts    | -0.2 pts        | 0.0 pts           | 0.0 pts  | 0.2 pts            | -0.1 pts                     | -0.1 pts  |

### March 2024 - Seasonally adjusted

|   | New South Wales | Victoria  | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia  |
|---|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Employed people                                 | 4,433,300       | 3,706,600 | 2,901,200  | 939,200         | 1,602,600         | 282,500  | 139,700            | 267,900                      | 14,362,000 |
| Employed people - monthly change                | 0.4%            | 0.2%      | -0.4%      | -1.0%           | 0.0%              | 0.6%     | 0.2%               | 1.2%                         | 0.2%       |
| Employment to population ratio                  | 63.6%           | 64.6%     | 63.9%      | 60.3%           | 66.6%             | 58.7%    | 70.7%              | 69.5%                        | 64.5%      |
| Employment to population ratio - monthly change | 0.1 pts         | -0.1 pts  | -0.4 pts   | -0.7 pts        | -0.2 pts          | 0.3 pts  | 0.0 pts            | 0.7 pts                      | -0.1 pts   |
| Unemployment rate                               | 3.8%            | 4.1%      | 4.1%       | 3.9%            | 3.4%              | 3.8%     | 3.8%               | 2.9%                         | 3.8%       |
| Unemployment rate - monthly change              | 0.2 pts         | 0.2 pts   | 0.2 pts    | 0.6 pts         | -0.2 pts          | -0.7 pts | -0.6 pts           | -1.2 pts                     | 0.1 pts    |
| Underemployment rate                            | 6.7%            | 7.2%      | 6.1%       | 7.1%            | 5.4%              | 7.3%     | 4.2%               | 5.5%                         | 6.4%       |
| Underemployment rate - monthly change           | 0.4 pts         | 0.1 pts   | -0.7 pts   | -0.2 pts        | -0.9 pts          | 0.0 pts  | 0.0 pts            | 0.6 pts                      | -0.1 pts   |
| Participation rate                              | 66.1%           | 67.3%     | 66.6%      | 62.7%           | 69.0%             | 61.0%    | 73.5%              | 71.6%                        | 67.3%      |
| Participation rate - monthly change             | 0.2 pts         | 0.0 pts   | -0.3 pts   | -0.3 pts        | -0.3 pts          | -0.1 pts | -0.5 pts           | -0.2 pts                     | 0.0 pts    |

## Historical charts

### Historical charts for employed, unemployed, unemployment rate and participation rate from August 1966 to March 2024

Historical Labour Force estimates of employment, unemployment rate, and participation rate from the historical quarterly and monthly Labour Force Survey.

Prior to 1978 the historical Labour Force Survey was collected quarterly; the current Labour Force Survey is collected monthly. Please refer to the [history of changes \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/mar-2024#history-of-changes\)](#) to see the differences between the historical and current Labour Force Survey.

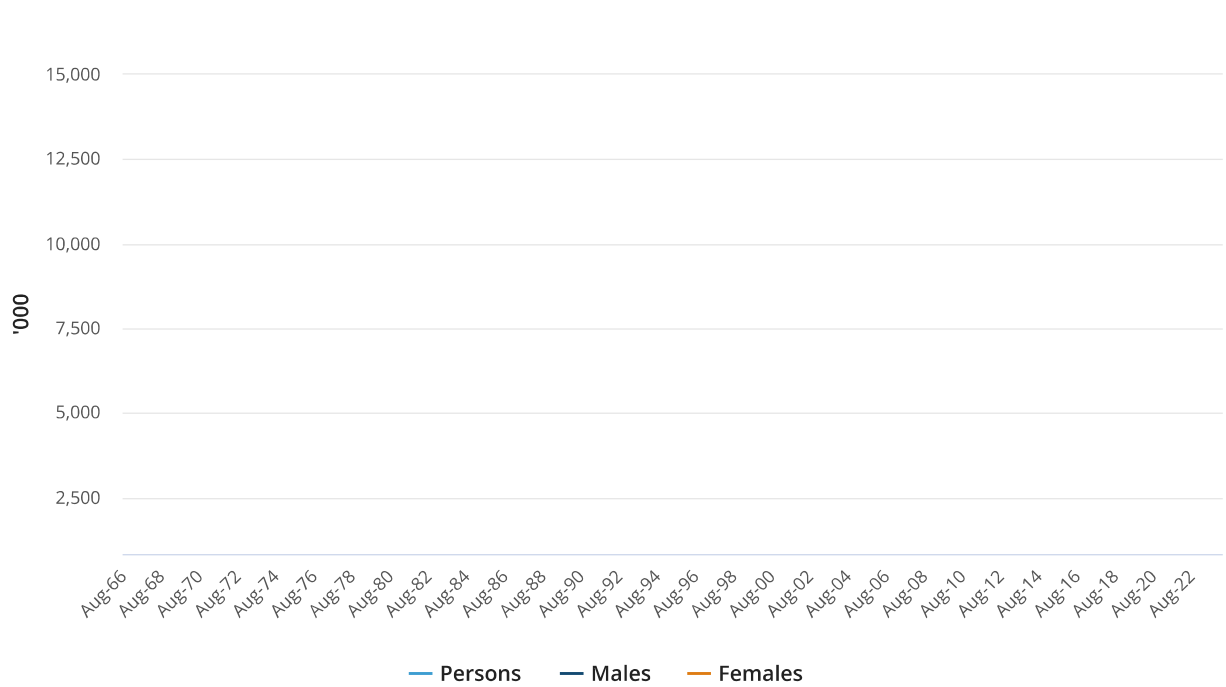
### Unemployment rate, Australia, August 1966 to March 2024, Seasonally adjusted



February 1978 to March 2024 estimated monthly, before February 1978 estimated quarterly

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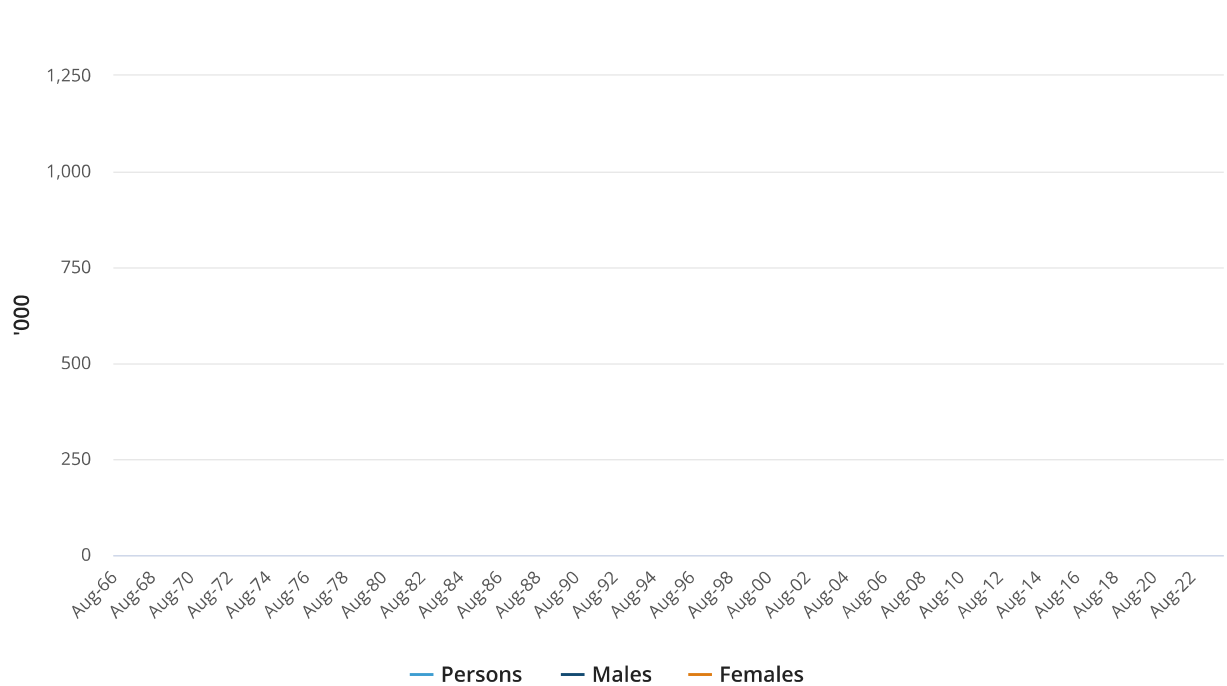
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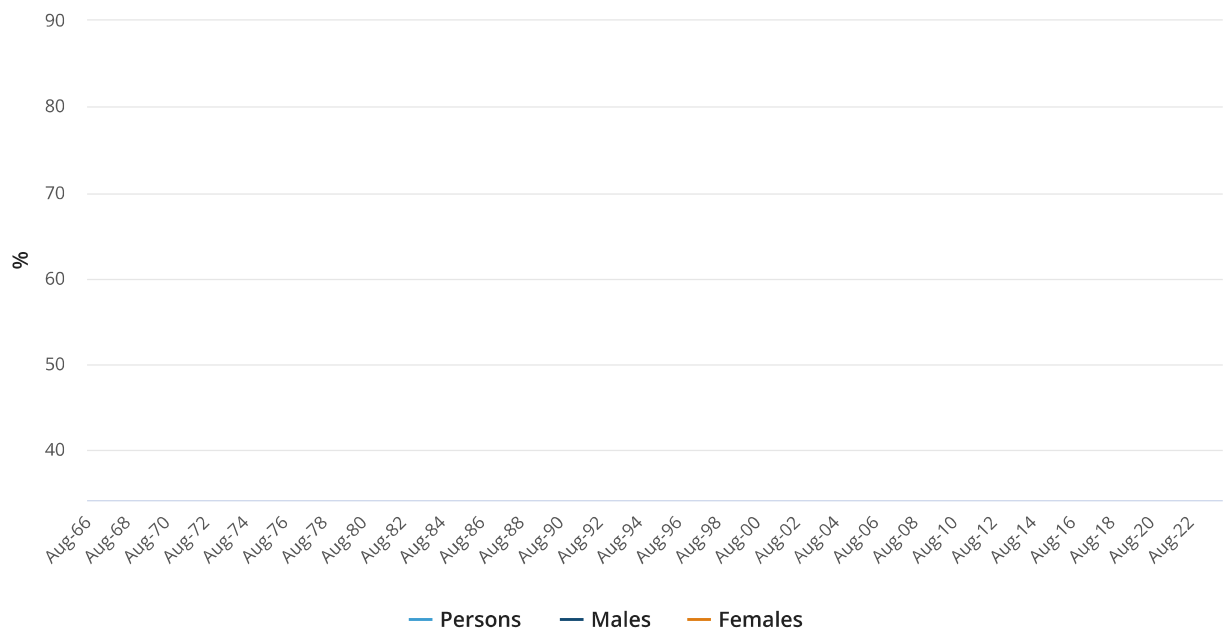
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## Participation rate, Australia, August 1966 to March 2024, Seasonally adjusted



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## Rotation group analysis

### Sample composition and rotation

The Labour Force Survey sample can be thought of as comprising eight sub-samples (rotation groups), with each sub-sample remaining in the survey for eight months, and one group "rotating out" each month and being replaced by a new group "rotating in". As seven-eighths of the sample are common from one month to the next, changes in the estimates reflect real changes in the labour market, rather than changes in the sample. The replacement sample is generally selected from the same geographic areas as the outgoing one, as part of a representative sampling approach.

The sample comprises three components:

- the matched common sample (people who responded in both the current month and previous month)
- the unmatched common sample (people who responded in the current month but who did not respond in the previous month, or vice versa)
- the incoming rotation group (replacing people who rotated out)

The matched common sample describes the change observed for the same respondents in the current and previous month, while the other two components reflect differences between the aggregate labour force status of different

groups of people.

While the rotation groups are designed to be representative of the population, the outgoing and incoming rotation groups will almost always have somewhat different characteristics, as they reflect different households and people. The design of the survey, including the weighting and estimation processes, ensures that these differences are generally relatively minor and do not affect the representativeness of the survey and its estimates. Monthly estimates are designed to be representative, regardless of the relative contribution of the three components of the sample.

The contributions of the three sample components to the original estimates of employed, unemployed and not in the labour force are in the Contribution from sample components to estimates spreadsheet.

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## Estimates for the incoming and outgoing rotation groups

### Incoming and outgoing rotation groups

|   | February outgoing<br>rotation group | March incoming<br>rotation group | March outgoing<br>rotation group | March estimate<br>(Original) |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Employment to population<br>ratio           | 63.7%                               | 64.0%                            | 64.1%                            | 65.0%                        |
| Full-time employment to<br>population ratio | 43.9%                               | 44.3%                            | 43.8%                            | 44.7%                        |
| Unemployment rate                           | 4.2%                                | 4.5%                             | 4.4%                             | 4.1%                         |
| Participation rate                          | 66.5%                               | 67.1%                            | 67.0%                            | 67.7%                        |

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## States and Territories

In addition to analysis across the entire sample, the ABS also undertakes similar analysis for the responding sample in each state and territory each month, and highlights where there is a notable change for users to be aware of. In March, there were no noteworthy differences in the responding sample that were contributing to monthly movements for any of the states and territories. As with any notable month-to-month movement of this nature in state and territory estimates, the ABS recommends exercising a degree of caution in interpreting short-term changes.

As for its reporting for the entire sample, where the ABS has not highlighted a notable incoming rotation group effect, any larger changes should therefore be considered to reflect a broader change across the sample.

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## Comparability with seasonally adjusted and trend data

The gross flows and rotation group data are in original terms only, and are included to provide additional information on the month-to-month movements. They have a considerable level of inherent sampling variability, which is specifically adjusted for in the trend and seasonally adjusted series. The trend data provides the best measure of the underlying behaviour of the labour market and is the focus of the commentary in this publication.

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### Contribution from sample components to estimates

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## Data downloads



Labour Force Survey results are released in three stages.

1. Spreadsheets of the headline indicators are published in this release
2. Additional, more detailed spreadsheets and pivot tables are published in [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](#) one week after this first release
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